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DAREDEVIL



WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY. HE IS THE *MAN WITHOUT FEAR*. HE IS...

DAREDEVIL

BEGINNING ANEW AFTER THE WORLD FORGOT DAREDEVIL'S IDENTITY, MATT CAME BACK TO NEW YORK AND STARTED PRACTICING LAW AGAIN. MATT'S RETURN WAS HERALDED BY A MAJOR VICTORY AS HE SUCCESSFULLY ARGUED A CASE IN THE SUPREME COURT, LEGITIMIZING SUPER HEROES' ROLE IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM. ONE OF MATT'S GREATEST ENEMIES, WILSON FISK, A.K.A. THE KINGPIN, HAD BEEN SECRETLY UNDERWRITING MATT'S OPPOSITION. FACED WITH A RARE DEFEAT, FISK HAS VOWED TO USE HIS VAST RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN HIS GRIP ON THE CITY...

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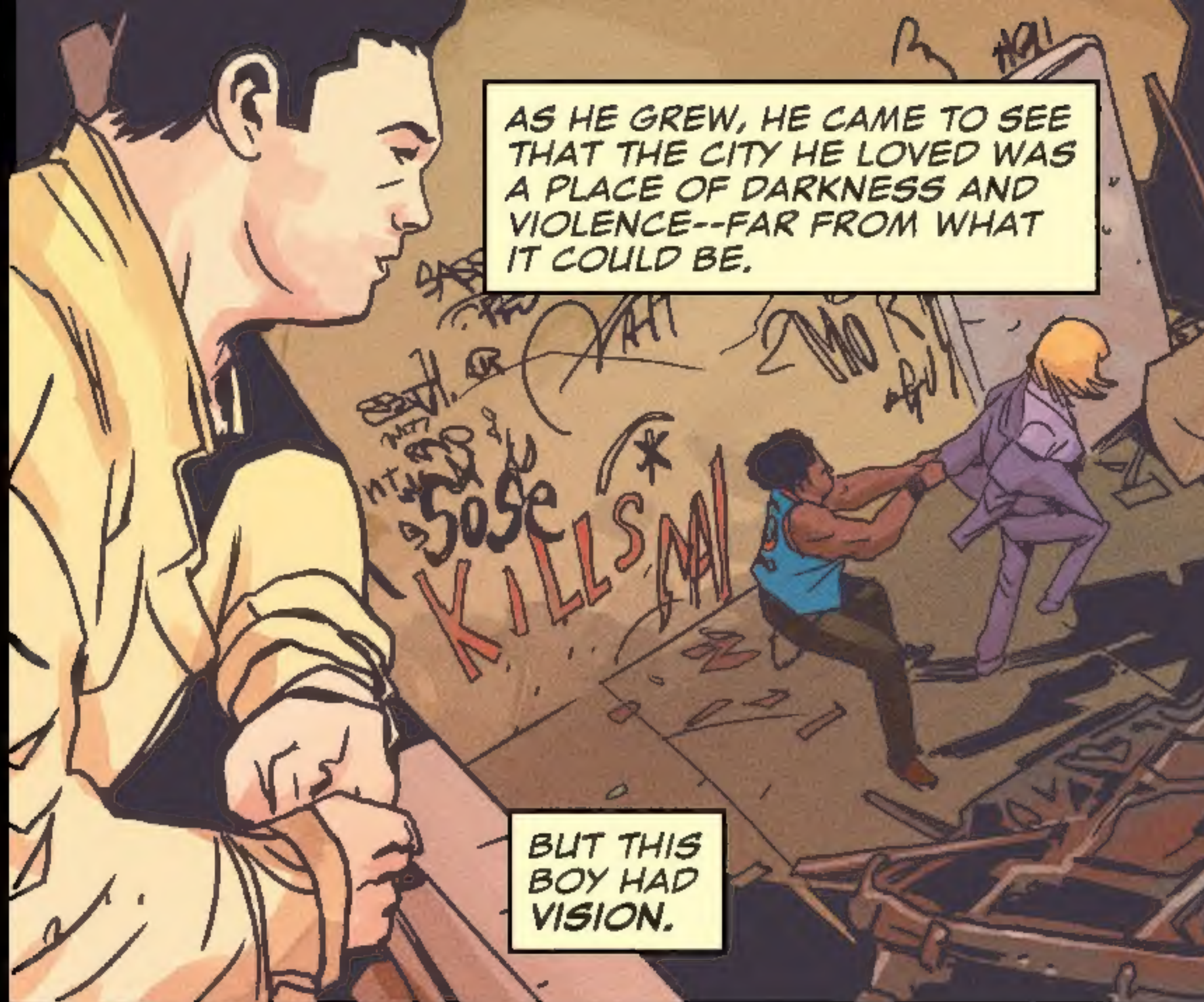
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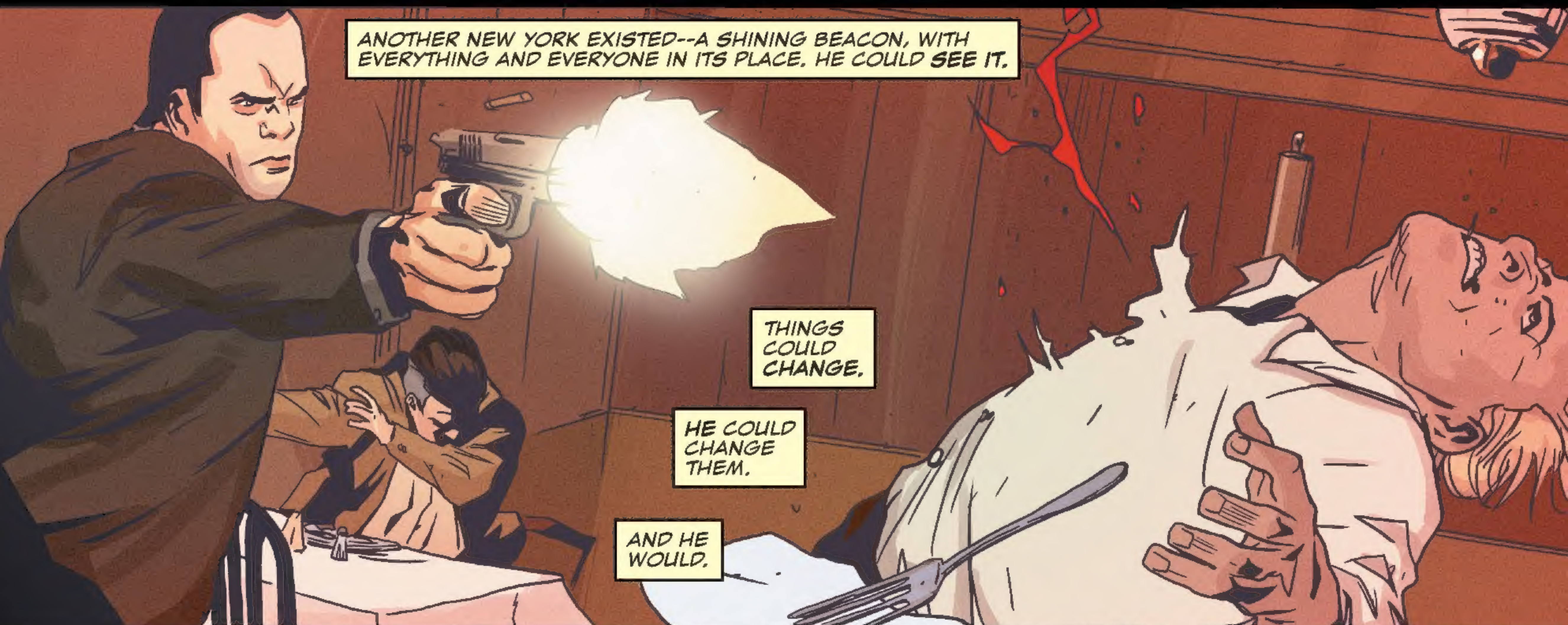


A BOY WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY.



AS HE GREW, HE CAME TO SEE THAT THE CITY HE LOVED WAS A PLACE OF DARKNESS AND VIOLENCE--FAR FROM WHAT IT COULD BE.

BUT THIS BOY HAD VISION.



ANOTHER NEW YORK EXISTED--A SHINING BEACON, WITH EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE IN ITS PLACE. HE COULD SEE IT.

THINGS COULD CHANGE.

HE COULD CHANGE THEM.

AND HE WOULD.



THIS WORK COST THE BOY THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE.



FOR A TIME, IT EVEN COST HIM HIS SIGHT.



BUT NEVER HIS VISION.

HE NEVER STOPPED--NO MATTER THE OBSTACLES IN HIS WAY. HE COULD NOT STOP.

WILSON FISK KNEW HOW TO FIX THE CITY, IF ONLY THEY WOULD LET HIM.

AND ONE DAY...

...THEY DID.



HOW THE HELL DID THE KINGPIN BECOME THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY?



IT WAS LIKE A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING, MATT.

FISK WAITED UNTIL THE LAST POSSIBLE DAY UNDER THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS' RULES TO ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY.

IT WAS ALL SO FAST, MAYBE IF PEOPLE HAD MORE TIME TO THINK, BUT...THEY DIDN'T.

HOW, FOGGY?

THE OTHER CANDIDATES WERE BUSINESS AS USUAL. FISK FELT DIFFERENT.

HE RAN AS AN INDEPENDENT, NO PARTY AFFILIATIONS, WASN'T IN ANYONE'S POCKET.

HE SAID HE WAS NEW YORK. HE'D LIVED IT POOR, HE'D LIVED IT RICH, HE KNEW IT UPTOWN AND DOWN. SAID HE KNEW WHAT WE NEEDED.

BUT DIDN'T PEOPLE FIGHT? HE'S A CRIME LORD.

OH, SURE. PLENTY OF OP-EDS, PLENTY OF PROTESTS, PLENTY OF EXPOSÉS.

FISK NEVER DENIED IT. NEVER EVEN ADDRESSED IT. JUST STAYED ON MESSAGE.

SAID PEOPLE KNEW WHAT HE WAS, AND WHAT HE WASN'T, AND WHAT HE COULD GIVE THEM.

HE TURNED EVERYONE'S PRE-CONCEPTIONS INTO A SELLING POINT. THAT BOOK HE PUT OUT HELPED, TOO.

HE MADE IT A NEW YORK THING-- LIKE LIVING IN THIS CITY IS ALL ABOUT WORKING THE SYSTEM, KNOWING HOW TO GET THINGS DONE. BENDING THE RULES WHEN YOU NEED TO.

WHO BETTER TO DO THAT THAN THE KINGPIN OF CRIME?

"AND THEN HE JUST...WON."

"I TRIED TO CALL YOU, TRIED TO TELL YOU WHAT WAS HAPPENING. BUT... YOU WERE GONE. OFF IN CHINA."

I JUST NEVER THOUGHT... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.

NO. THIS IS WRONG.

HE CHEATED SOMEHOW.

THERE IS NO WAY THEY PICKED HIM. I KNOW IT.

MATT... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

COME ON, FOGGY. YOU ALREADY KNOW.

NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

"I'M GOING TO FIGHT."

I'VE KNOWN WILSON FISK FOR YEARS, MR. HOCHBERG.

I'M CONFIDENT WE CAN BUILD A CASE AGAINST HIM. ELECTION FRAUD SEEMS LIKE A GOOD BET.

AND IF NOT THAT, BELIEVE ME, I KNOW WHERE TO LOOK FOR DIRT ON HIM. WE'LL FIND SOMETHING. I'LL GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY--

YOU'RE A CRUSADER, MR. MURDOCK, AND YOUR ZEAL AND SKILL HAVE SERVED YOU WELL DURING YOUR TIME HERE. YOU'RE AN ASSET TO THIS OFFICE.

BUT THIS OFFICE IS STILL PART OF THE GREAT CITY OF NEW YORK.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SIR?

I'M SAYING WE DO NOT GET TO SELECTIVELY IGNORE THE DIRECTIVES OF THE MAYOR.

AS IT STANDS, I CANNOT AUTHORIZE OPENING AN INVESTIGATION AGAINST WILSON FISK SIMPLY BECAUSE OF HIS REPUTATION.

ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT FISK IS...OR WAS...A MONSTER, RESPONSIBLE FOR AWFUL THINGS LARGE AND SMALL.

BUT AS HE HIMSELF NOTED DURING HIS CAMPAIGN, VERY LITTLE OF THAT WAS EVER ACTUALLY PROVEN.

AND HE IS THE MAYOR THE CITY ELECTED.



I'M OLD. I'VE SEEN A LOT OF MAYORS. SOME EVEN WORSE THAN FISK. THE CITY SURVIVED THEM ALL.

JUST KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN AND DO YOUR JOB WELL. FIND JUSTICE WHERE YOU CAN.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, I HAVE A NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU.

I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS, BUT YOU WILL ABSOLUTELY HATE IT.



OUR NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR HAS ASKED US TO BUILD CASES AGAINST THE VIGILANTES. IT WAS ONE OF HIS PRIMARY CAMPAIGN PROMISES, AND HE'S FOLLOWING THROUGH.

A CLAMPDOWN ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY. SPIDER-MAN, LUKE CAGE, IRON FIST, MS. MARVEL, THE PUNISHER, ALL OF THEM.

DAREDEVIL.

AFRAID SO.



THE SUPREME COURT JUST ACKNOWLEDGED THE LEGITIMACY OF SUPER HEROES IN THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK, AND NOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TREAT THEM LIKE CRIMINALS?

FISK JUST WANTS THEM GONE SO THEY CAN'T TAKE HIM DOWN. I'M NOT DOING IT.

I KNOW ABOUT YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH THE... COSTUMED COMMUNITY, AND DAREDEVIL IN PARTICULAR.

I'M SURE IT'S A BLOW, MATT, BUT MY HANDS ARE TIED. YOUR NAME WAS MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY IN THE MAYOR'S REQUEST.



THE PEOPLE YOU NAMED... OTHER THAN THE PUNISHER, THOSE PEOPLE AREN'T VIGILANTES, SIR.

THEY'RE HEROES.



SON, I'M SORRY. BUT IN THIS CITY, RIGHT NOW...

...THEY'RE THE BAD GUYS.

LATER.

OKAY.
WE CAN FIGHT
THIS.

THE HAWK
SAYS I HAVE TO
INVESTIGATE DAREDEVIL,
FINE--BUT IT CAN TAKE
A LONG TIME TO BUILD
A CASE, YOU KNOW
THAT, ELLEN.

YEARS,
SOMETIMES.

SURE.

AND IN
THE MEANTIME,
WE CAN DIG INTO EVERY
LAST VOTE CAST IN THIS
ELECTION, EVERY CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTION, EVERY
DOLLAR FISK SPENT.

WHATEVER
HE DID TO CHEAT HIS
WAY INTO THE MAYOR'S
OFFICE, WE WILL FIND IT.
WORKING IN THE D.A.'S OFFICE
GIVES US ACCESS TO ALL
SORTS OF RECORDS,
AND--

I EVER
TELL YOU I USED
TO HAVE A CAR,
MATT?

UH...
NO. YOU NEVER
DID.

YEAH.
IT WASN'T
MUCH, BUT IT WAS
PAID OFF. HAVING A
CAR IN THIS CITY IS A
LUXURY, ESPECIALLY
ON A PARALEGAL'S
SALARY.

NICE TO BE
ABLE TO GET OUT
OF TOWN. SHARON
AND I HAD SOME OF
OUR FIRST DATES IN
THAT CAR, DRIVING
AROUND IN THE
MOUNTAINS
UPSTATE.

AND THEN
SPIDER-MAN
THREW IT AT
THE RHINO.

IF THE
POLICE HAD DONE
IT, I COULD'VE MADE
A CLAIM AGAINST THE
CITY. BUT WHAT AM
I GONNA DO, SUE
SPIDER-MAN?

THE DEDUCTIBLES
ARE *NUTS* ON POWERS-
RELATED INSURANCE, TOO.
SO...THAT WAS THAT. IT'S
THE BUS FOR ME NOW,
OR THE SUBWAY.

NO MORE
MOUNTAINS FOR
THIS GIRL.


I'M SORRY. I KNOW YOU
LOVE THE HEROES, BUT
LIFE IN THIS CITY'S
TOUGH ENOUGH
AS IT IS.

SOMETIMES
YOU JUST WANT
A LITTLE NORMAL,
YOU KNOW?

DID YOU
VOTE FOR HIM,
ELLEN?

MATT,
I ADORE
YOU, AND I LOVE
WORKING FOR
YOU...

...BUT THAT
IS NONE OF YOUR
BUSINESS.



Should I *quit*?

I successfully argued before the *Supreme Court*. Any firm in town would kill to have me on their masthead.

Or maybe I could put out a shingle with Foggy--if he'd have me. Hard to say. It's better between us, but it's not perfect.

Fisk *wants* me out of the D.A.'s office. It's obvious--that's why he told Hochberg to put me on the Daredevil investigation.

He doesn't know Matt Murdock is Daredevil, but he knows we're *connected*.

If I *quit*, I'm giving Fisk what he wants--but if I stay, I'll have to build a case against *myself*.

Credit where credit's due--it's a genius play.

Bah. I don't know. I'll have to--



HELP!

Yeah.



This is what I need.

What did the Hawk say?

Find justice where I can.



I'm *Daredevil*.

I *make* justice.



I *will* save my city from Wilson Fisk.



Even if I have to do it one night at a time.



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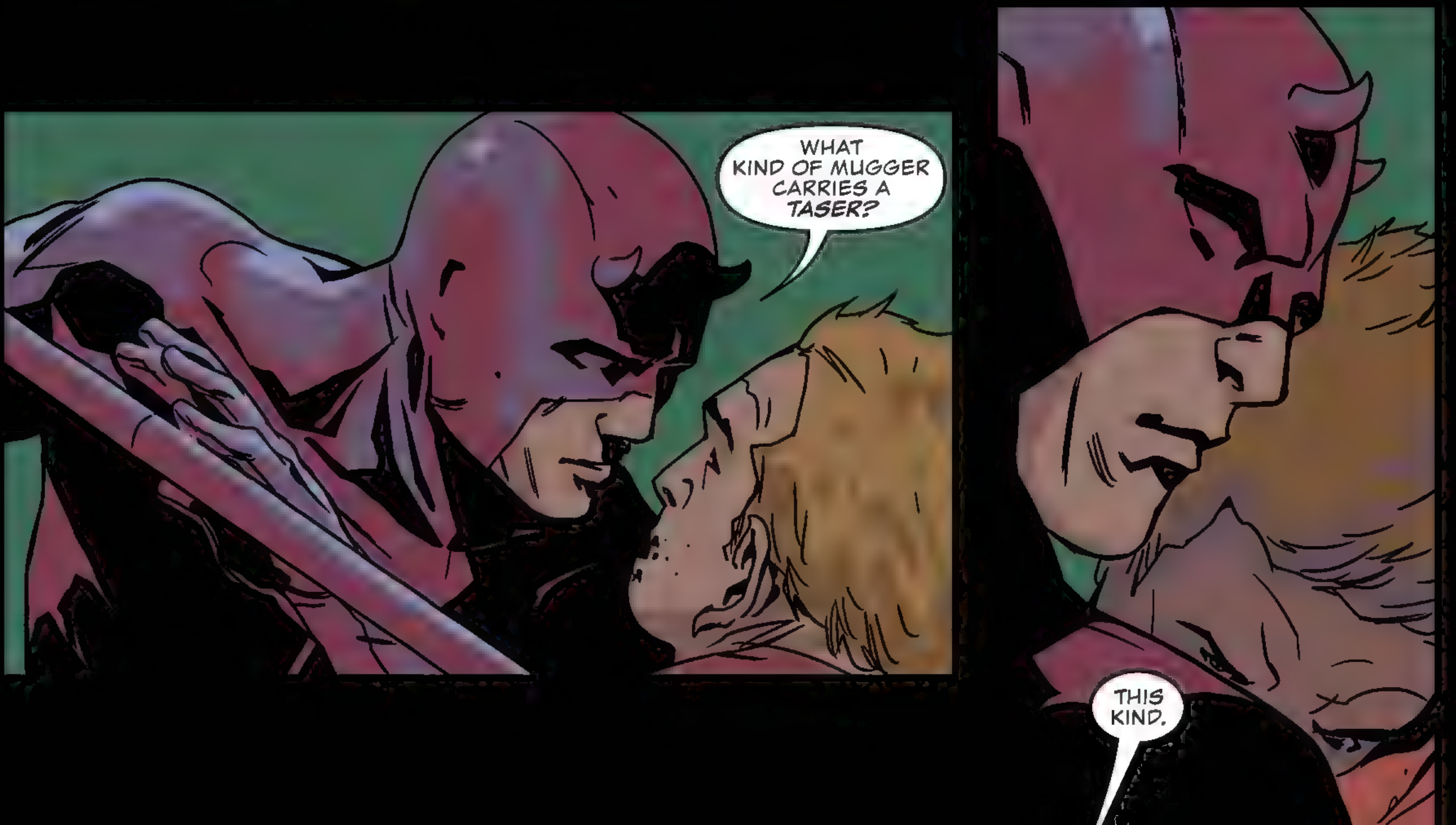
HELL'S KITCHEN IS MINE. I THOUGHT EVERY SCUMBAG IN THE CITY KNEW THAT.

I'M NOT A SCUMBAG.

COULD'VE FOOLED M--



Hm.





NYPD.
DAREDEVIL,
YOU ARE UNDER
ARREST. DROP THE
BATON AND GET
DOWN ON THE
GROUND.
SLOWLY.

Damn.



YOU,
TOO?

YEAH.
ME, TOO.

WE HAVE
THE SUSPECT. ONE
OFFICER DOWN, TASER.
WE NEED MEDICAL
HERE RIGHT
AWAY.

How did I
miss this?

Too
distracted.
Too focused
on *Fisk*.

I MEAN
IT. LOSE THE
WEAPON, DOWN
ON THE GROUND. I
WON'T SAY IT
AGAIN.

AND BEFORE
YOU GET ANY IDEAS
ABOUT TRYING TO FLY
ON OUT OF HERE OR
WHATEVER YOU DO, KNOW
THAT WE'VE GOT
OFFICERS ON THE
ROOFTOPS.

EVEN IF
YOU GET PAST
US, THEY'VE GOT
YOU DEAD TO
RIGHTS.

So they
do.

THIS IS
ENTRAPMENT.
IT'LL NEVER
STICK.

YOUR
BUDDY IN
THE D.A.'S OFFICE
BEEN TELLING YOU
A FEW THINGS,
HUH?

YOU
KNOW WHAT
HE'D TELL YOU IF HE
WERE HERE RIGHT
NOW? ONE
WORD.

COMPLY.

I thought I'd
have more time.
Time to plan.
Time to *fight*.

I should
have known
better.

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This is the
Kingpin.

THANK YOU FOR SEEIN' ME, FISK. KNOW YOU GOTTA BE PRETTY BUSY THESE DAYS, WITH ALL THIS MAYOR STUFF GOIN' ON.

GUESS YOU'LL BE TAKING MEETINGS IN CITY HALL SOON. WHO'D EVER HAVE THOUGHT? LOVE IT.

Fisk knows a lot about Daredevil. More than almost anyone else-- including about my powers.

He knows I can hear this.

I JUST WANNA SAY, LORD KNOWS MY GUYS AND YOUR GUYS HAVE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES OVER THE YEARS, BUT THINGS BEEN GOOD FOR A WHILE BETWEEN US.

EVERYBODY DOIN' WELL, EVERYBODY MAKIN' MONEY.

WE THINK NOW...WELL, WITH YOU, UH, WORKING THE SYSTEM...IT'S PROBABLY GONNA GET EVEN BETTER.

WE KNOW THIS WAS YOUR PLAY, AND WE'LL RESPECT THAT. HOWEVER YOU WANT TO RUN THINGS IS GOOD BY US.

WE JUST WANT A PIECE. A SEAT ON THE GRAVITY TRAIN.

AND SPEAKIN' ON BEHALF OF OUR SHARED FRATERNITY... LET ME SAY...

...WILSON, WE'RE PROUD OF YA.

The Mayor of New York is meeting with Hammerhead, one of the city's most notorious Maggia bosses. Talking business. Making plans.

WE WERE WORRIED AFTER MURDOCK PULLED THAT WHOLE SUPREME COURT THING, BUT YOU JUST SHOVED IT RIGHT BACK IN HIS FACE.

THING OF BEAUTY.

SO, ANYWAY, WHENEVER YOU WANNA PICK THINGS UP WITH US, LET US KNOW. USUAL CHANNELS.

And Fisk wants me to hear every single word.

NO. YOU AREN'T HERE FOR THAT.

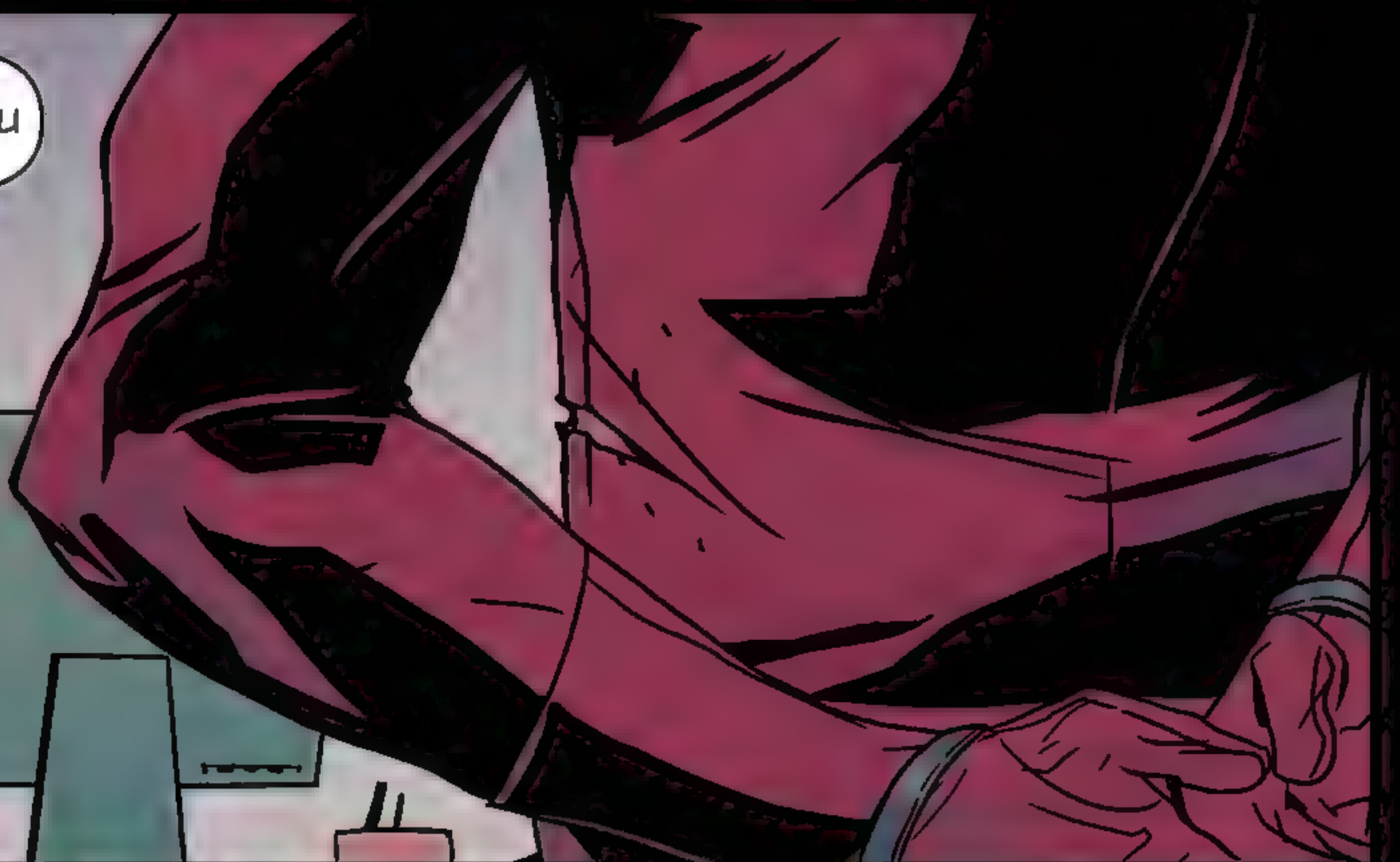
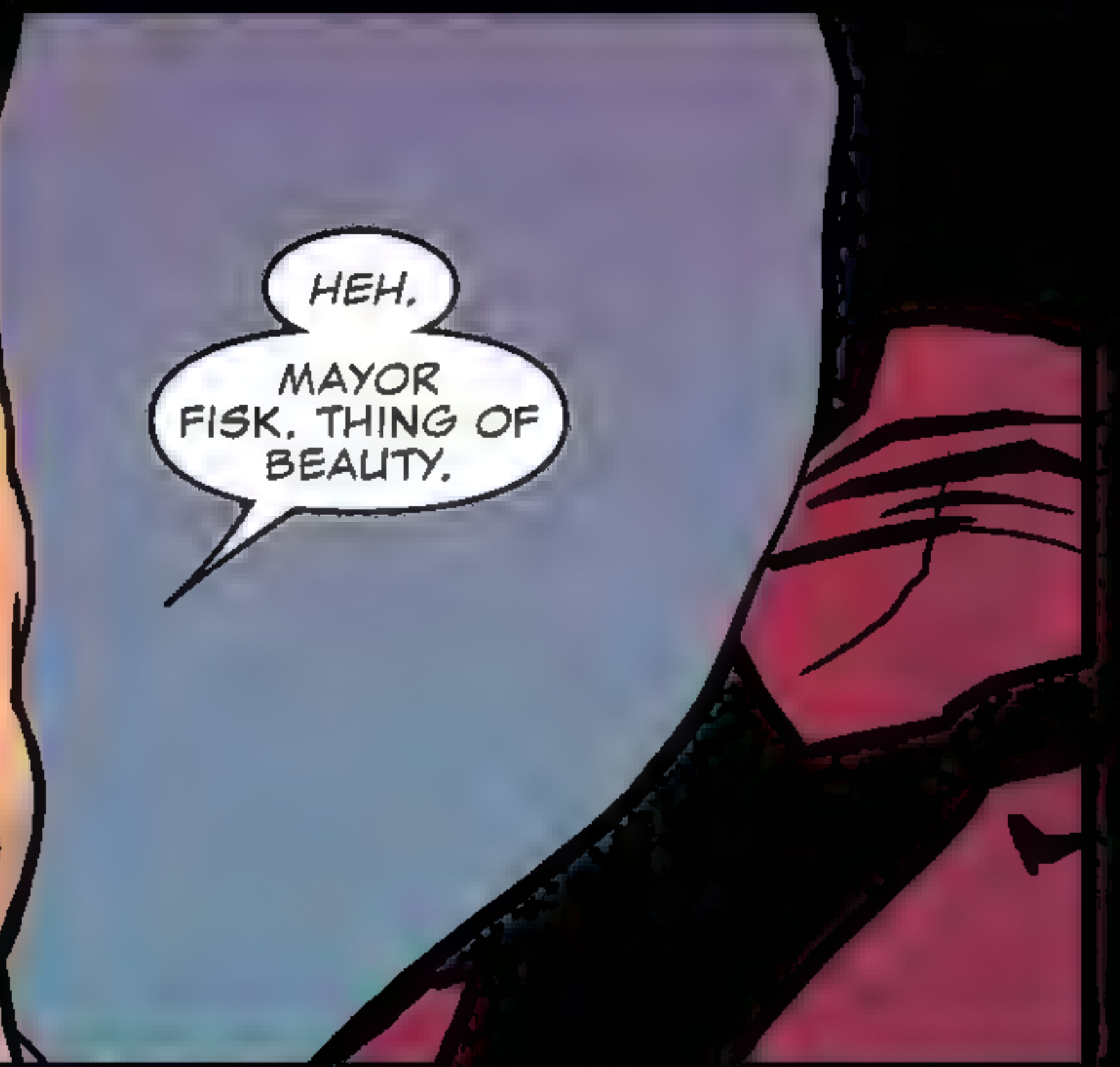
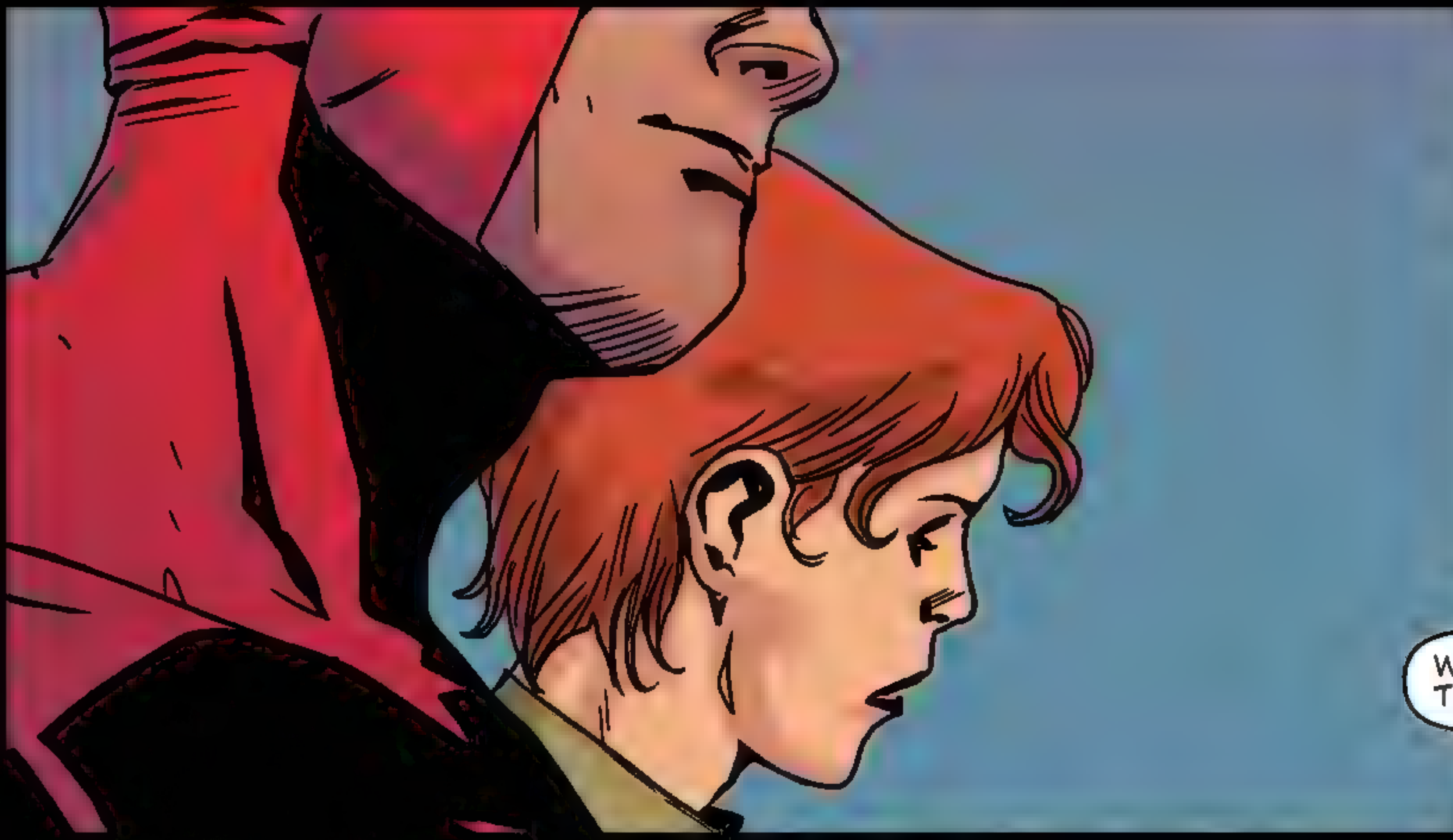
That's him. No one else sounds like the Kingpin. Every word is a body blow. Like a fist hitting a side of beef.

YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW ONE THING.

I WON. EVERYONE ELSE LOST.

NOW LEAVE. AND USE THE SIDE DOOR.

I HAVE A REPUTATION TO MAINTAIN.





GOOD
EVENING.



THANK
YOU, OFFICERS.
LEAVE HIM WITH
ME.

YOUR HONOR,
ARE YOU SURE?
THIS IS DAREDEVIL...
WE'RE NOT ENTIRELY SURE
WHAT HE'S CAPABLE
OF, AND--



LEAVE.
HIM.

UH, SURE,
MR. MAYOR.

OF
COURSE.

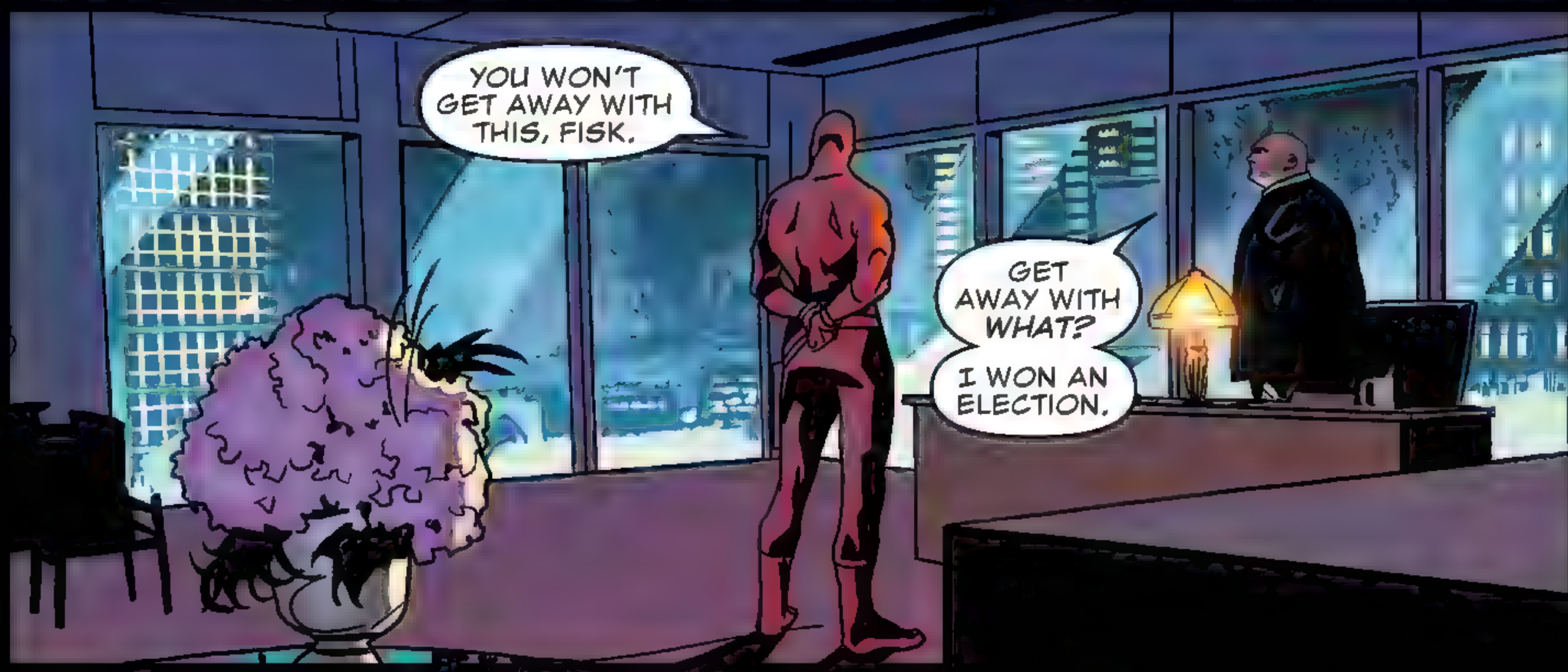
WE'LL BE
RIGHT OUTSIDE
IF YOU NEED
US.



THEY'RE
BOTH GOOD
COPS, IF YOU'RE
WONDERING. TRIED
AND TRUE NYPD
BLUE.

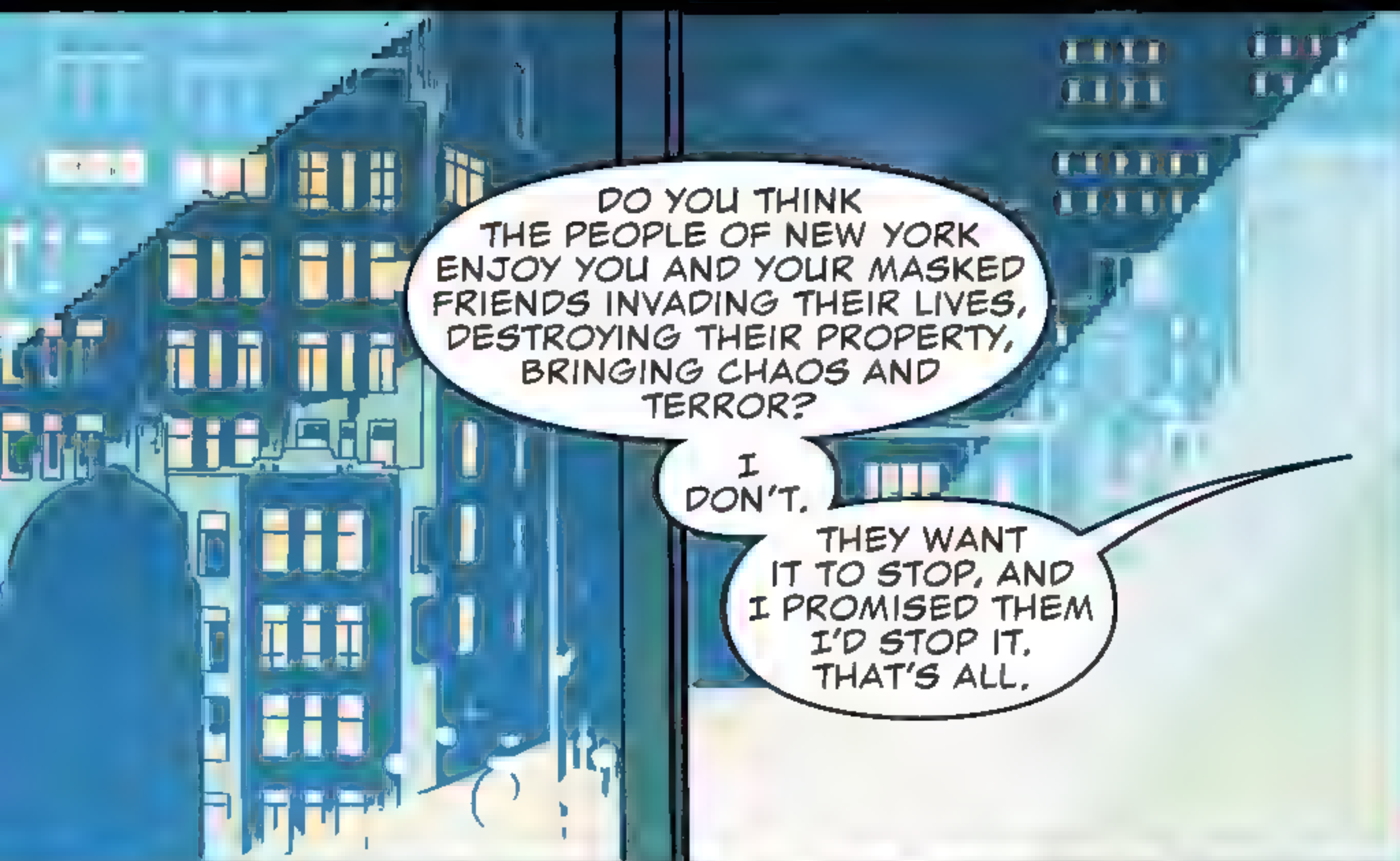
I ASKED
FOR YOU, AND
THEY BROUGHT
YOU TO ME.

IT
WAS THE
EASIEST THING
I'VE EVER
DONE.



YOU WON'T
GET AWAY WITH
THIS, FISK.

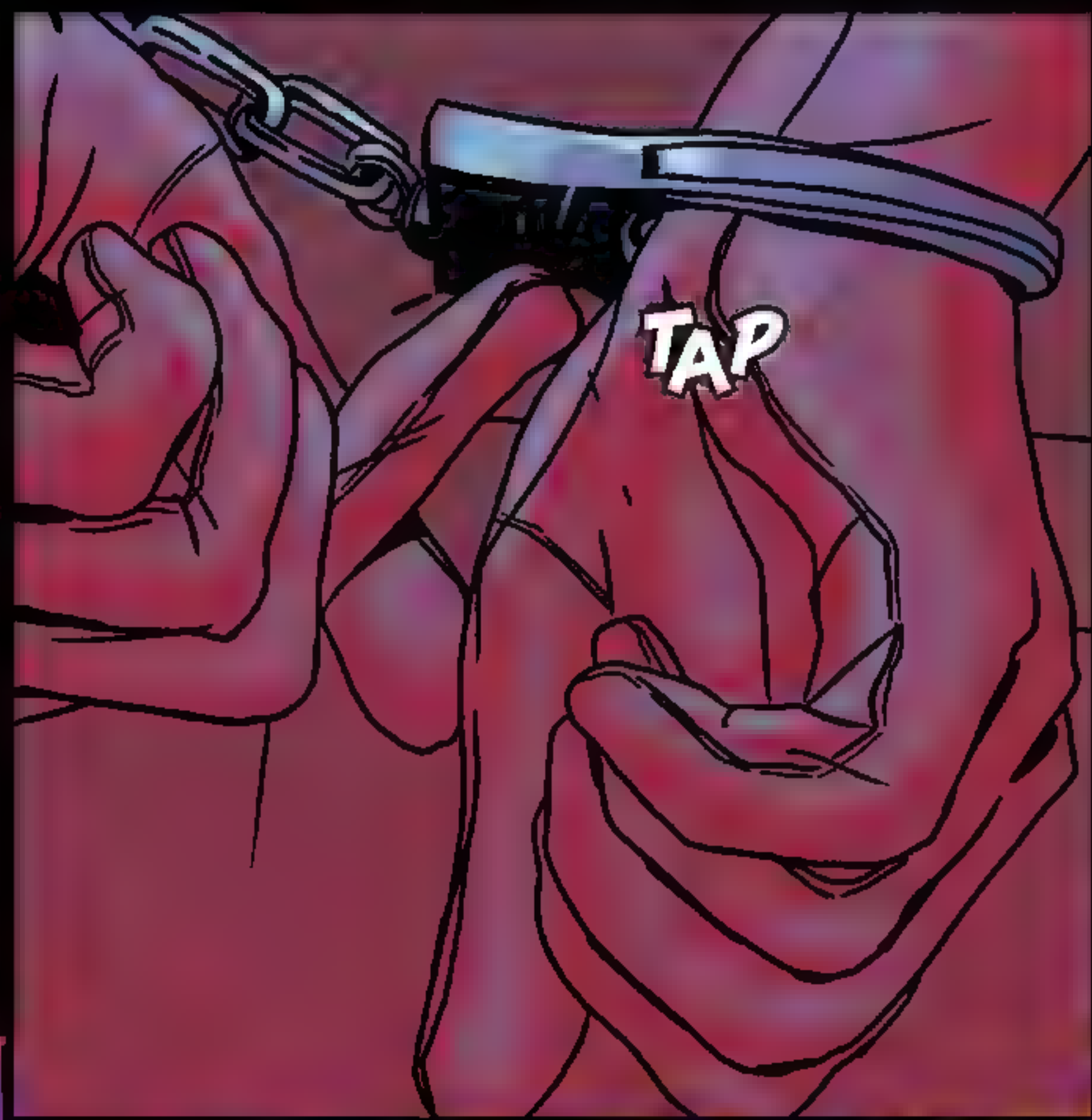
GET
AWAY WITH
WHAT?
I WON AN
ELECTION.



DO YOU THINK
THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK
ENJOY YOU AND YOUR MASKED
FRIENDS INVADING THEIR LIVES,
DESTROYING THEIR PROPERTY,
BRINGING CHAOS AND
TERROR?

I
DON'T.

THEY WANT
IT TO STOP, AND
I PROMISED THEM
I'D STOP IT.
THAT'S ALL.



TAP



WE BOTH
LOVE THIS CITY,
DAREDEVIL. WE SEE
IT DIFFERENTLY--WHAT
IT SHOULD BE--BUT
WE BOTH LOVE
IT.

WE
HAVE THAT IN
COMMON.



TAP

KCHK



BUT
ONLY ONE OF
US WAS ASKED
TO SAVE
IT.



NOT
YOU. NEVER
YOU.



ME.



ME.



I WANT YOU
TO REMEMBER THAT,
IN THE COMING DAYS.
YOU APPOINTED YOURSELF
THEIR SAVIOR, BUT
THEY ACTUALLY
CHOSE ME.

I WAS
ABSOLUTELY CLEAR
ABOUT WHAT I WOULD GIVE
THEM. ORDER. NORMALCY.
ACCOUNTABILITY. THINGS
YOU AND YOUR KIND DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

THEY KNOW
WHAT I'M GOING
TO DO, AND THEY
ASKED ME TO
DO IT.

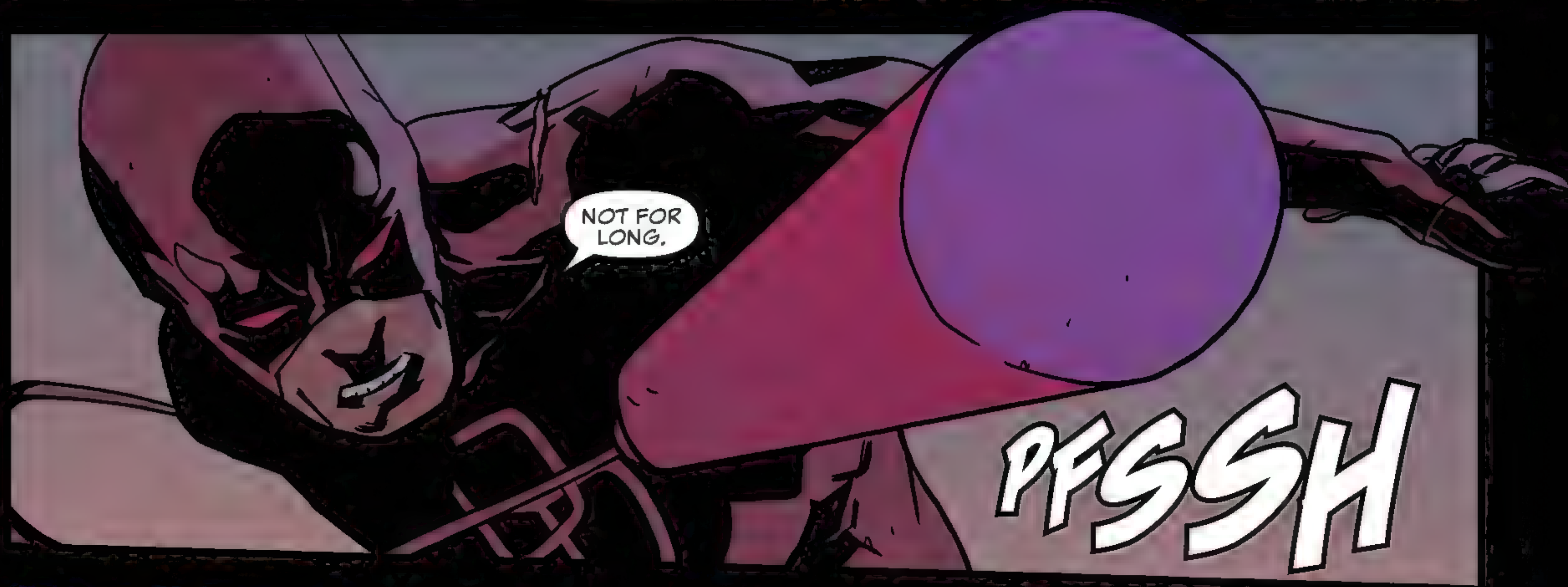


TAP

K&LK



I
DIDN'T.





Hell's Kitchen.

My *home*.

My *office*.

It's where my father, "*Battling*" Jack Murdock, raised me. He was a boxer, but he wanted a better life for me.

He told me to study, to go to school.

All I ever wanted was to be like *him*...

...to be a *hero*.

But then there was an accident.

Chemicals on the truck *burned* my eyes...

...*blinded* me.

But my *remaining* senses were heightened. And I developed a new radar ability, allowing me to *feel* the world in my *own* way.



...DAREDEVIL!



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